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SUBJ: CHILE REQUEST FOR CCC CREDIT

REF: A) STATE 032950; B) TOFAS 10

1. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE REPORTED TOFAS 10 THAT ECA AWARDED CONTRACT MITSUBISHI FOR 10,000 MT BROWN RICE ITALIAN ORIGIN 5 PERCENT BROKENS, MAX 14.5 MOISTURE, MEDIUM AND/OR LONG GRAINT AT \$389.55 PER MT C&F. UNSUCCESSFUL U.S. BIDDERS WERE THOMAS GONZALEZ AT \$440.25 AND CONTINENTAL AT \$455.72. BELIEVE THIS WILL MEET CHILE NEEDS UNTIL NEW CROP RICE AVAILABLE.

PENDING OUTCOME 1975 RICE PRODUCTION WE CURRENTLY ESTIMATE CHILE WILL BE IN MARKET LAST QUARTER CY75 FOR MINIMUM 20,000 MT RICE TO MEET NEEDS PRIOR 1976 RICE HARVEST.

2. WHEAT HARVEST NOW UNDERWAY IN IMPORTANT SOUTHERN ZONE WILL BE CRITICAL IN DETERMINING CHILE'S WHEAT IMPORT NEEDS U.S. FY76. MINAGR. CONTINUES HOLD TO PRODUCTION AROUND 1.1 MILLION TONS. GOC IMPORT AGENCY ECA HOWEVER IS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAT HARVEST WILL BE LESS THAN 1.0 MILLION TONS.
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LACK OF RAIN IN SOUTHERN ZONE DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

MAY HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED YIELDS OF LATE WHEAT PLANTINGS.

3. GOC CONTINUES STRONG INTEREST IN ADDITIONAL PL 480 WHEAT AVAILABILITY BOTH FY75 AND FY76. GIVEN CHILE'S DIFFICULT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION, GOC WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN CREDITS FROM AVAILABLE SOURCES TO HELP COVER COMMERCIAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEAT, CORN AND RICE BUT PROBABLY AFTER JULY 1.

4. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE MEETING WITH GOC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE TRADE IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT OF GREAT PLAINS WHEAT TEAM FEB 23 AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT TEAM VISIT CHILE NOW SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.
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